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SUBJECT: POPULATION GROWTH AND ADEQUATE FOOD PRODUCTION

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1. THIS EMBASSY AND THE USAID MISSION CONSISTENTLY SEEK TO ASSURE THAT DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE BE EFFECTIVELY USED TO ASSIST HOST COUNTRY TO RESPOND TO BASIC HUMAN NEEDS OF ITS POOR. WE ARE ALSO CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED TO TREAT PROBLEMS OF FOOD PRODUCTION, NUTRITION AND FAMILY PLANNING IN THE PARAGUAYAN CONTEXT.

2. FOR HISTORICAL REASONS, INCLUDING DRASTIC REDUCTION OF THE POPULATION IN THE WAR OF THE TROPLE ALLIANCE AND THE CHACO WAR, THERE IS NO PERCEIVED POPULATION PRESSURE IN PARAGUAY. DENSITY OF SIX PERSONS PER SQUARE KILOMETER IS ONE OF THE LOWEST AMONG LDC'S AND MUCH GOOD AGRICULTURAL LAND IS STILL AVAILABLE FOR CULTIVATION. WHILE OFFICIAL ATTITUDES AND PERCEPTIONS ARE THAT THE COUNTRY IS UNDERPOPULATED, AND THAT CONTROL OF POPULATION GROWTH IS NOT REQUIRED, THE GOVERNMENT IS PROVIDING FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO NEEDS AND DESIRES OF AN INCREASING NUMBER OF ITS PEOPLE.

3. IN FOOD PRODUCTION, PARAGUAY IS PRACTICALLY SELF SUFFICIENT IN BASIC FOOD ITEMS. FOOD IMPORTS FROM BRAZIL AND ARGENTIAN ARE MOSTLY PROCESSED FOODS DESTINED FOR THE

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URBAN MIDDLE-CLASS MARKET. PARAGUAY APPEARS TO HAVE UNTAPPED POTENTIAL FOR AGRO-INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION INTO FOOD PROCESSING.

4. A NATIONAL NUTRITIONAL SURVEY IN 1976 INDICATED PER CAPITA PROTEIN CONSUMPTION OF 87.1 GRAMS AND DAILY INTAKE OF 3098 CALORIES, BOTH VERY HIGH BY COMPARISON WITH OTHER LDC'S. NUTRITIONAL PROBLEMS ARE USUSALLY THE RESULT OF IMPROPER

ABSORPTION OF NUTRIENTS BECAUSE OF INTESTINAL PARASITES.

5. OUR EMPHASIS IN REGULAR CONTACTS WITH HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS
HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE ON INCREASING AGRICULTURAL
OUTPUT AND PRODUCTIVITY AND ON EXPANSION OF BASIC HEALTH
SERVICES INCLUDING FAMILY PLANNING TO RURAL POOR.
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